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Police intensify anti-rowdy drive

Surprise 5 am raids target homes of 30 rowdy-sheeters across city

Police teams search a car parked in front of a rowdy-sheeter's house as part of the raid. Picture right shows Police team with rowdy-sheeters.

Mysuru, May 10 (BCT)- In a major crackdown on rowdy activities in Mysuru city, the City Police conducted surprise early-morning raids on the houses of known rowdy-sheeters yesterday, intensifying efforts to curb criminal and anti-social activities.

Not only homes. The raiding teams also checked vehicles that were parked in front of their houses for lethal weapons and other illegal materials.

The operation was carried out between 5 am and 8 am, during which Police teams simultaneously raided houses across several Police Station limits, verified the movements of rowdy-sheeters and seized weapons and tools suspected to have been used in criminal activities.

Senior Police officials said the crackdown forms part of an ongoing campaign to keep a close watch on rowdy-sheeters and prevent criminal activities in the city. They warned that strict action would continue against individuals involved in anti-social and unlawful activities.

All Subdivisions covered

According to a press release from the City Police Commissioner's Office, the coordinated drive covered all major Police Subdivisions of the city.

In the Vijayanagar Subdivision, Hebbal Police raided the houses of rowdy-sheeters Tejas, Teju and Lokesh, while Metagalli Police conducted searches at the residences of Praveen and Harish.

(See DRIVE on page 9)

Leopard kills 10-yr-old boy at M.M. Hills

M.M. Hills, May 10 (MTY& KS)- A 10-year-old boy from Bengaluru was killed in a leopard attack this morning between Indiganatha village and Nagamale in the forested stretch leading to Male Mahadeshwara Temple in Male Mahadeshwara Hills.

The route is frequently used by devotees undertaking a padayatra to the hill shrine. The deceased is Harshith. He was trekking to the hilltop along with his parents and a group of devotees when the incident occurred around 7 am.

According to preliminary information, the group was passing through a forest stretch when a leopard, believed to have been hiding in thick bushes, suddenly attacked the boy. Despite desperate attempts by his parents and other devotees to scare away the animal, the leopard reportedly dragged Harshith into the forest.

Forest Department personnel and residents later launched a search operation and traced the boy's body inside the forest area. Officials said the leopard had fatally mauled the boy and partially consumed the body.

(See BOY on page 9)

Cyber scam: Three lose Rs. 1.20 crore

Retired officer duped of Rs. 1.10 crore in fake stock market fraud

Mysuru, May 10 (BLU&BCT)- In three separate cybercrime incidents involving stock market investment fraud, mobile hacking and a fake credit card offer, unsuspecting residents, including a retired officer, lost nearly Rs. 1.20 crore. All three cases have been registered at the City's Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station.

In the first case, a retired officer from Vidyaranyapuram was duped of Rs. 1,10,04,600 by fraudsters operating through a WhatsApp group named "Stock Market Think Tank."

Police said the victim was convinced by online references to IIFL Invesco Stock Market Company and repeatedly invested money after being persuaded by a woman identified as Tina Mallotha.

Over time, he transferred more than Rs. 1.10 crore to bank accounts shared in the group. The fraud came to light when he tried to withdraw the money and was asked to pay additional brokerage charges.

Suspecting foul play, he contacted the cybercrime helpline 1930 and later lodged a complaint with the CEN Police.

In another case, cybercriminals hacked the mobile phone of a resident of Gokulam 2nd Stage and siphoned off Rs. 5,37,736 through seven unauthorised transactions.

The victim discovered the fraud after checking his PhonePe account balance and noticing the illegal transfers. He subsequently filed a complaint with the CEN Police Station.

In the third incident, a pensioner from LIC Colony in Srirampura lost Rs. 5 lakh after fraudsters posing as representatives of 'BI Card' contacted him through WhatsApp, promising to provide a credit card.

(See SCAM on page 9)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for an exclusive interview with **Archaeozoologist Dr. C.V. Sharada,** who spoke on how animal remains help reconstruct the past and how even a single bone can tell a much larger story about how people lived thousands of years ago. **—Ed**

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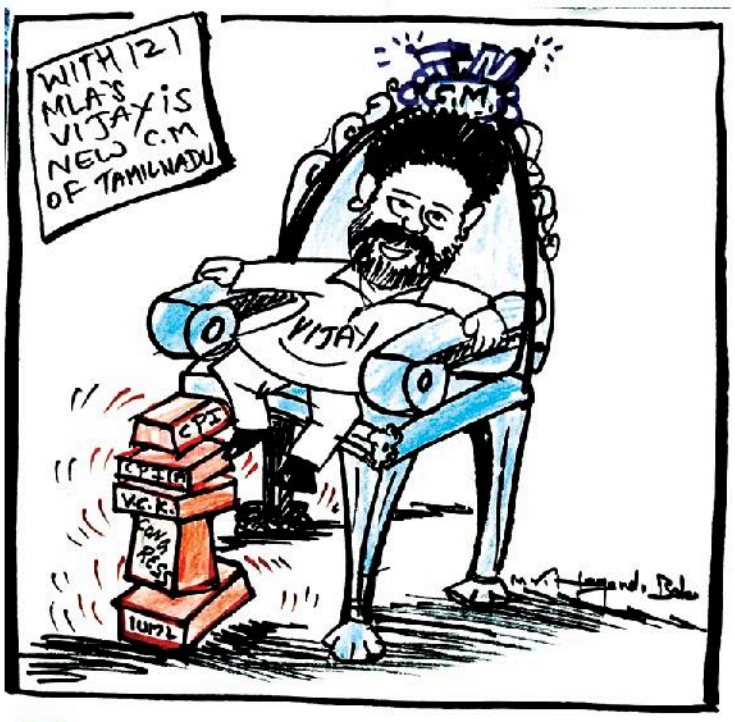
"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 10th May 2026

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

VISHNU SAHASRANAMAM: ***The easiest way to self-realisation is through devotion. In today's world where everyone is caught up in a whirlwind of daily mundaneness, even that becomes difficult. However, chanting the Vishnu Sahasranamam puts one on the correct path to achieving the spiritual goal.***

In the 1960s, Kanchi Maha Periyava was camping in Ilayatrangudi, near Pudukkottai, home to the Brindavan of Sri Mahadevendra Saraswati, the 65th Pontiff of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam. Kanchi Maha Periyava always had tremendous respect for Sri Mahadevendra Saraswati. He decided to visit the Brindavan of Sri Mahadevendra Saraswati, meditate and then return for his *bitchai*. ***This meant he had to walk down a few steps down the road to reach the Brindavan. However, walking on the road would be tantamount to erosion of*** *acharam* ***(traditional norms). This norm is applicable to saints. It is also forbidden to have a bath (a cleansing ritual at other times) after visiting a Brindavan, as a way of circumventing the break with*** *acharam*.

Maha Periyava asked a couple of women to recite the Vishnu Sahasranamam as he walked down the road and all the other devotees joined in. After completion of Adhishthana darshan, they returned to camp and Periyava had his *bitchai*. ***How did the*** *abacharam* ***(going against set norms) get negated? The explanation came from Maha Periyava himself. "When we chant Vishnu Sahasranamam or even listen to others reciting it, all faults*** *(doshas)* ***are overturned. Even a fall in the practice of prescribed norms is corrected by this. Vishnu Sahasranamam is an excellent protective armour for all." One should chant it every day.***

—In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Balancing a skateboard on his chin

Idaho (US): An Idaho man with more than 350 Guinness World Records titles added another to his tally by balancing a skateboard on his chin for over an hour.

David Rush, who has previously broken several records involving balancing objects on his chin, said he decided to attempt the skateboard record after learning the category had been created, but not yet set.

"Right away I discovered the obvious problem: a skateboard is a surprisingly pointy object," Rush wrote online. "Even 30 seconds was intensely painful."

Rush said a friend with a large skateboard collection allowed him to borrow one that had a flatter edge, but still met size and weight requirements.

Mexican lifts 166.11 pounds with her hair

Mexico: A Mexican circus performer showed off the strength of her scalp by lifting a 166.11-pound weight with her hair.

Diana Elizabeth Batres Hermosillo, who has been performing circus feats for 26 years, took on the Guinness World Record for the heaviest weight lifted with the hair (female) at the Le Paz Theatre in San Luis, Potosi, on Feb. 28.

Hermosillo put her long hair into twin braids that she tied together at the ends and used them to lift 166.11 pounds of weight. She kept the weight off the ground for 14 seconds.

She took the record from Indian weightlifter Asha Rani, who used her hair to lift 122.58 pounds in 2014.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Never Ignore Head Injury Symptoms

After an accident, symptoms like dizziness, confusion, persistent headache, memory loss, or drowsiness may indicate serious brain trauma. Early neurosurgical evaluation can be lifesaving.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed - Senior Consultant – Neurosurgeon and Cerebrovascular and Endovascular Surgeon Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Hi Life Exhibition in city on May 11 and 12

Mysuru, May 10- Hi Life Exhibition brings to Mysuru a stunning collection of breezy summer fashion, elegant ensembles, statement jewellery and chic accessories — all thoughtfully curated for the modern shopper.

Discover unique designs and refresh your wardrobe with the latest trends from across the country **at the Hi Life Exhibition to be held at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in city on May 11 and 12 from 10 am to 9 pm.**

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Today's Outflow **1,472 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **900 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Miracle fruit is a fruit that, when eaten, causes sour foods to taste sweet for at least an hour or two after consumption.***
- ***The ancient Egyptians considered honeydew (melon) to be a sacred fruit.***
- ***The stickers placed on fruits are made out of edible paper, meaning that they are, technically, able to be consumed.***
- ***Humans and bananas have 50% of the same DNA.***
- ***Rhubarb leaves are actually very toxic.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

In a school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching only the apples."

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 94.43
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 128.74
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.71
1 Euro	= Rs. 111.31

VOICE OF THE READER

Concern over large-scale tree cutting in Mysuru

Sir,

It has recently come to public attention that 561 trees are proposed to be cut down in Mysuru. This is deeply concerning, especially when we are taught the importance of protecting nature, yet continue to witness large-scale tree loss.

Hyder Ali Road is a clear example. Once a vibrant, tree-lined stretch offering shade and supporting street vendors, it has now become barren. This loss not only affects the city's beauty but also increases heat and impacts livelihoods. Mysuru is known for its tree-lined avenues, which are central to its identity. Cutting down trees on such a scale is environmentally irresponsible and will have long-term consequences on air quality and climate.

A city once known for its pleasant climate is already becoming increasingly hot and humid.

Development should not come at the cost of destroying our environment. The responsibility lies with authorities such as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and other planning agencies.

I hope those responsible recognise the damage caused and take immediate steps to set this right by finding alternatives that preserve existing trees.

—Dhruvi Jain
Mysuru
5.5.2026

Intl. honour for Prof. Rangappa

Prof. Rangappa

Mysuru, May 10- Former University of Mysore (UoM) and KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa of the city has added one more International honour to his kitty, with *Research.com* including him in its list of 'Best Scientists in Chemistry' for the year 2026.

According to the list, Prof. Rangappa is listed at 135th in India and 8,803rd in global rankings. The ranking is done based on D-Index and only those scientists who have an Index of at least 40, are included in this global list of top Scientists in Chemistry.

Implement SC order on heritage buildings: MP writes to CM

'Restore, don't rebuild heritage landmarks Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building'

Yaduveer

Mysuru, May 10 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to immediately release funds for the conservation and restoration of Mysuru's heritage structures, Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building, in compliance with the recent Supreme Court directive.

In a letter to the Chief Minister, Yaduveer said, preserving Mysuru's traditional heritage buildings was a collective responsibility.

Referring to the Supreme Court's May 4, 2026, order rejecting proposals to demolish and reconstruct the 19th-century structures, he described the verdict as a landmark ruling aimed at safeguarding the city's architectural heritage.

He noted that the Court had clearly directed the authorities to conserve and restore the buildings rather than replace them.

The MP pointed out that a detailed technical study conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee had concluded that nearly 70 percent of the structures could be repaired and strengthened. He said, the existing foundations could be retained and reinforced, making restoration both practical and feasible.

Stating that Mysuru's "civic architectural ensembles" are central to the city's identity, Yaduveer said, he remained committed to protecting its cultural heritage and tourism value as the elected representative of the Constituency. "It is our duty to comply with judicial orders," he said.

He urged the State Government to implement the recommendations of experts from IIT Roorkee and the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) by releasing the sanctioned funds without delay.

He also sought directions to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) to begin restoration work immediately. The MP stressed that the funds allocated by the State Government must be used exclusively for heritage conservation.

Yaduveer recalled that the 2024-25 State Budget had earmarked Rs. 95 crore for the renovation of Devaraja Market and Rs. 35 crore for the restoration of the Lansdowne Building. He said, the structures were not merely buildings, but enduring symbols of Mysuru's cultural and commercial legacy.

Pointing out that Siddaramaiah himself hails from Mysuru, the MP expressed confidence that the Chief Minister would give priority to preserving the city's iconic heritage landmarks by ensuring the timely release of funds.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Applications invited

The Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Welfare has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as Urban Rehabilitation workers, on monthly honorarium basis. The candidates must have passed SSLC and be in the age group of 18 to 45 years. The application forms are available at the Department office located on Pulikeshi Road, Tilaknagar, Mysuru and the same must be returned before May 25. For details, call Ph: 0821-2490333.

Ayurveda camps

Cauvery Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a free Ayurveda Camp for piles, fistula and related problems at its premises near Deve Gowda Circle in KBL Layout from May 11 to 20 between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970619 or Mob: 97317-99317.

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Mysuru, is conducting a medical camp on multiple joint pain from May 11 to 18. People with Rheumatoid Arthritis, multiple joint pain/ knee joint pain with swelling and joint stiffness may contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 98864-85005.

Five-day Mudra Pranayama camp

Dhanya School of Yoga and Mudra Pranayama Research Centre, Mysuru, has organised a five-day Mudra Pranayama and Sankalpa Siddhi Dhyana Camp from May 11 from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Mudra Ratna B. Dhanyakumar Guruji will conduct the camp. For details, call Mob: 99456-14565 or 91410-96102.

Free students' hostel admission

On behalf of Rastra Bharati Charitable Trust, accommodation is being provided at J.P. Nagar Public Students' Hostel in Mysuru for meritorious boys pursuing PU and Degree education, with a focus on Indian culture and value-based living. Last date to register is May 30. Interview is on May 30. Interested students can apply using the Google Form link: ***https://forms.gle/CVMrTbHorvgwrXsA6*** [Mob: 85508-12101]

Free ENT camp

Suyog Hospital, Ramakrishnanagar in city, is conducting a six-day free ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) check-up camp at its premises from May 11 to 16. ENT Specialist Dr. K. Satish will lead the camp. A 30% discount is provided on CT PNS and Nose Endoscopy, prescribed by the doctor. For registration, contact Ph: 0821-2533600 or Mob: 99863-99862, according to a press release from the hospital.

Leopard Task Force rescues 220 big cats in two years

Formed after fatal attacks on humans, specialised teams handle 3,949 complaints

Mysuru, May 10 (MTY&BCT)- Formed two years ago to tackle the growing leopard menace in Mysuru district, the Leopard Task Force (LTF) has emerged as a highly effective wildlife rescue unit, responding to nearly 4,000 complaints and safely capturing 220 leopards involved in human-wildlife conflict across several districts.

The LTF was constituted following a series of leopard attacks in Bannur Hobli of T. Narasipur taluk, where three persons lost their lives, triggering fear among residents. The initiative aimed to reduce public panic and swiftly respond to incidents of leopards straying into human settlements.

Since its formation, the LTF has expanded far beyond its original mandate and has earned appreciation for its prompt and professional response in handling leopard-related emergencies.

Members of the Leopard Task Force.

Restoring confidence among people

By rescuing leopards that had entered residential areas or attacked villagers and livestock, the task force has played a key role in restoring confidence among people living near forest fringes.

Though initially created for the Mysuru district, the team has carried out operations in multiple districts, showcasing its expertise in wildlife rescue and conflict management.

To ensure a quick response, the department introduced a dedicated helpline number, 94819-96026, through which the public can report leopard sightings or attacks.

According to official data, the LTF has so far handled 3,949 complaints. Mysuru city and taluks accounted for 1,084 complaints, while Mysuru district as a whole recorded 2,955 cases.

Mandya district reported 983 complaints, Kollegal six, Shivamogga three, Hassan one and Chamarajanagar one. Officials said every complaint was verified on the ground and necessary action was taken.

Mysuru district accounts for 164 leopards

Since its inception, the LTF has safely captured and rescued 220 leopards from conflict situations. The rescued animals included 91 male leopards, 69 females and 60 cubs.

Of the total rescues, Mysuru district alone accounted for 164 leopards. This included 68 from Mysuru city and surrounding taluks, 35 from T. Narasipur, 30 from H.D. Kote, five from Hunsur, eight from K.R. Nagar, 12 from Nanjangud and six from Periyapatna.

Mandya district recorded 45 rescues, including 14 from K.R. Pet, two from Maddur, nine from Pandavapura, six from Nelamangala, 12 from Mandya and two from Srirangapatna.

Apart from Mysuru and Mandya, the task force also conducted rescue operations in Yelandur, Shivamogga, Bhadravathi, Bengaluru, Sakaleshpur, Kollegal, Channapatna, MM Hills, Chikkamagaluru and Hubballi.

Well-equipped rescue unit

The Leopard Task Force assessing the situation before the rescue operation.

The LTF functions under the guidance of Mysuru Wildlife Division Deputy Conservator of Forests Dr. I.B. Prabhugowda and the leadership of Range Forest Officer Puttaraju.

The team consists of four Deputy Range Forest Officers, eight forest guards and 45 contract staff engaged in rescue operations.

To strengthen field operations, the department has provided the task force with specialised vehicles, an ambulance, veterinary support, drones and safety equipment such as body protectors, helmets, batons and torches.

The team also uses different types of cages, including treatment cages, walk-through cages and transport cages, to ensure safe rescue and handling of leopards.

Speaking about the achievements of the unit, Dr. Prabhugowda said that all 3,949 complaints received over the last two years had been documented and attended to by trained personnel. He said the staff carried out combing operations at every reported location and successfully rescued 220 leopards despite several challenging situations.

He added that staff members were given proper training and equipped with safety gear to ensure both human and animal safety during rescue operations.

Obituary

M. Puttaswamy

Mysuru, May 10- M. Puttaswamy (83), retired PWD Superintending Engineer and a resident of Sanje Ravi Road in Kuvempunagar C&D Block, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife Padma, sons D.P. Arun, D.P. Anand and D.P. Aravind and a host of relatives.

Last rites will be held at Doddarasinakere in Maddur taluk at 10 am tomorrow.

Puttalingamma

Puttalingamma (81), a resident of 2nd Cross in K.G. Koppal, passed away in city.

She leaves behind sons D. Devaraju and D. Papanna, daughters-in-law, daughters

D. Lakshmi, and D. Jayamma, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this morning.

Siddaraju

Siddaraju (52), former Naganahalli Gram Panchayat President and a resident of Naganahalli village in the taluk passed away yesterday at the village.

He leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the village this afternoon.

Actor Vijay sworn-in as Tamil Nadu CM

Chennai, May 10 (Agencies)- Actor-turned politician and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) Founder C. Joseph Vijay, popularly known as 'Thalapathy' Vijay, was sworn-in as the new Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at a ceremony held at Nehru Stadium here this morning.

Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy in presence of TVK party workers, leaders of Congress, Communist Party of India (CPI), CPI (M), Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), who have extended their support to TVK to form the Government in the State.

Actor Joseph Vijay taking oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the swearing-in ceremony held at the Nehru Stadium in Chennai this morning.

Soon after Vijay's swearing-in, TVK leaders N. Anand, Aadhav Arjuna, K.G. Arun Raj, K.A. Sengottaiyan, P. Venkataraman, R. Nirmal Kumar, Rajmohan, Dr. T.K. Prabhu and S. Keerthana were sworn-in as Cabinet Ministers.

While it was expected members of alliance parties would also be sworn-in into the Cabinet, however, none of them took oath.

As his first orders as Chief Minister, Vijay announced free electricity up to 200 units for every household, Special Force for Protection of Women and Anti Drug Task Force.

LED screens were erected at several locations around Chennai and other parts of the State for Vijay's fans and party workers to witness the live coverage of the swearing-in ceremony.

Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Vijay's parents S.A. Chandrashekar and Shoba Chandrashekar, actress Trisha Krishnan and others were present.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and All India Congress Committee President Mallikarjun Kharge took to 'X' to congratulate Vijay on being sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Later, addressing the gathering, Vijay promised to fulfil all his pre-election promises adding that he was not someone who came from a royal lineage. He also added there would be no power centre other than him and warned his party cadre of involving in any corruption.

He promised strict action against drug-related issues, while assuring transparency in the governance.

Chief Minister Vijay thanked the leaders of Congress, CPI, CPI (M), VCK and IUML for their extending their support.

TVK, despite emerging as the single largest party in its maiden electoral show with 108 MLAs, fell short of majority, before Congress and the four parties extended their support to cross the halfway mark of 118 MLAs which finally swelled to 120, providing him more cushion.

Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani
appointed as Chief of Defence Staff

New Delhi, May 10 (Agencies)- The Union Government yesterday announced Lieutenant General N.S. Raja Subramani, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd.), as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), succeeding General Anil Chauhan, whose tenure will conclude on May 30.

Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani

According to an official announcement, Lt. Gen. Raja Subramani will also serve as Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Military Affairs and will assume charge from the date he takes over.

Currently serving as Military Adviser at the National Security Council Secretariat since Sept. 1, 2025, Lt. Gen. Raja Subramani brings over four decades of Military experience spanning operational, intelligence and strategic assignments.

Before joining the NSCS, he served as Vice Chief of the Army Staff from July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025. Prior to that, he headed the Army's Central Command as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief from March 2023 till June 2024.

An alumnus of the National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy, he was commissioned into the 8th Battalion of the Garhwal Rifles on Dec. 14, 1985. He has also attended the Joint Services Command and Staff College and the National Defence College.

Lt. Gen. Raja Subramani holds a Master of Arts degree from King's College London and an M.Phil in Defence Studies from University of Madras.

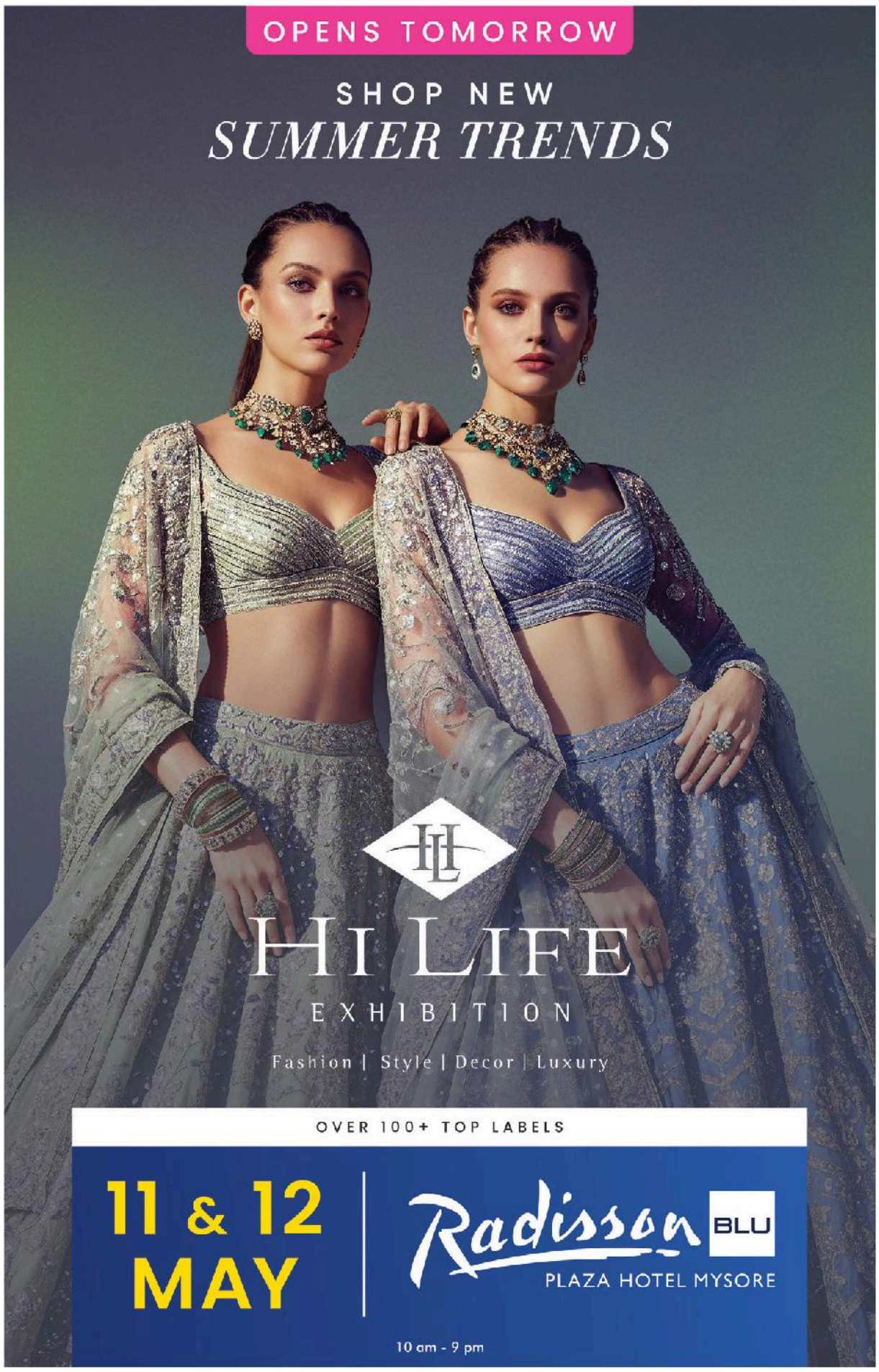
During his career, he has commanded 16 Garhwal Rifles in counter-insurgency operations in Assam under Operation Rhino, led the 168 Infantry Brigade in Jammu & Kashmir, and commanded the 17 Mountain Division in the Central Sector. He also led the 2 Corps, one of the Indian Army's premier strike formations on the western front.

Dr. Rama V. Bennur selected for 'Ananya Shastra Kaustubha'

Mysuru, May 10- Dr. Rama V. Bennur, a noted music and dance critic from Mysuru, has been selected for 'Ananya Shastra Kaustubha-2026' award to be given by Ananya GML Cultural Academy, Bengaluru.

Dr. Rama V. Bennur

The award, given in memory of *Sangeetha Kalaratna* late BVK Sastry, will be presented to Dr. Rama Bennur during the 'Ananya Puraskara-2026' event to be held at Seva Sadan, 14th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru, on May 16 at 9.45 am.



Where BONES speak

Archaeozoologist Dr. C.V. Sharada shares insights on how animal remains help reconstruct the past

Archaeozoologist Dr. C.V. Sharada at the Department of Zoology in Manasagangothri, Mysuru, recently.

By Shadan Muneer

For archaeozoologist and environmental archaeologist Dr. C.V. Sharada, archaeology is not merely about uncovering the past. It offers a lens to understand the present and shape the future. By studying human-animal relationships, she brings out deeper insights into sustainability, climate change and the ways societies have evolved across time and space.

An Assistant Professor at the Archaeological Sciences Centre, Department of Earth Sciences, IIT Gandhinagar since 2019, Dr. Sharada works at the intersection of archaeology, environmental studies and the natural sciences. She leads the Interspecies Research Network working group and is also affiliated with the Kiran C. Patel Centre for Sustainable Development, reflecting her interdisciplinary approach.

Born in Rourkela and raised in Mysuru, she completed her schooling in Mysuru and went on to pursue a BA at JSS College. She later earned her Master's and Ph.D in Archaeology from Deccan College, Pune.

Her academic journey took her to Europe under the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship, where she carried out research in Italy and France, including at the National Museum of Natural History in Paris. She subsequently earned a second Ph.D from the University of Ferrara, Italy.

Beyond academia, Dr. Sharada enjoys travelling, reading and photography and has a keen interest in animals, pursuits that shape her research.

She was in Mysuru recently to deliver talks on 'Archaeozoology: Ancient Animals and Modern Science' at the Department of Zoology in Manasagangothri and on 'New Horizons on Old Worlds - Exciting Scenarios from Archaeological Science,' at Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET) in Hardwicke School Campus.

Star of Mysore caught up with her during the visit. "Even a single bone can tell a much larger story about how people lived and adapted," she says. Excerpts:

Star of Mysore (SOM): What inspired you to pursue archaeology and how did you develop an interest in niche fields like archaeozoology and environmental archaeology?

Dr. Sharada: I was drawn to history and geography in school and visits to museums during family trips abroad left a lasting impression. That curiosity stayed with me. Moving into archaeozoology felt natural. I have always been fascinated by animals and grew up observing them, so working with animal remains during my studies felt like the right fit. Over time, this expanded into environmental archaeology, where I began exploring how humans, animals and their surroundings are interconnected, an approach that continues to shape my work.

SOM: For the unversed, how would you explain archaeozoology and environmental archaeology?

Dr. Sharada: Archaeozoology is the study of animal remains to understand how humans and animals interacted in the past. We examine bones, teeth, shells, footprints, rock art, cave paintings and even ancient texts to understand the roles animals played. These are our resources, companions or symbols.

Environmental archaeology takes a broader view, combining evidence from animals, plants, soil and landscapes to reconstruct past environments. It helps us understand how people lived, used resources and adapted to their surroundings.

SOM: Your academic journey spans India and Europe. How has this international exposure shaped your research and perspective?

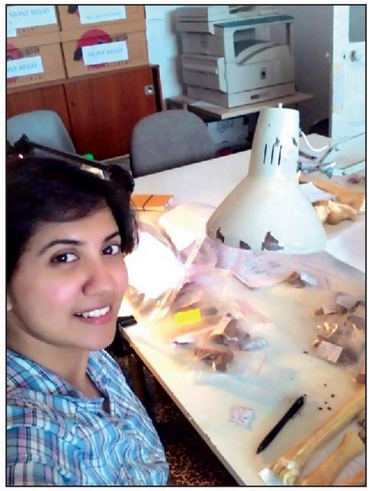
Dr. Sharada: Studying and working across India and Europe has shaped my approach significantly. India gave me a strong foundation, while Europe exposed me to more lab-based and scientific methods, which I have incorporated into my work.

It also made me more critical and self-reflective. I now look at a research question, or even a set of bones, from multiple perspectives. This has helped me blend Indian and European approaches, making my work more interdisciplinary with a broader outlook.

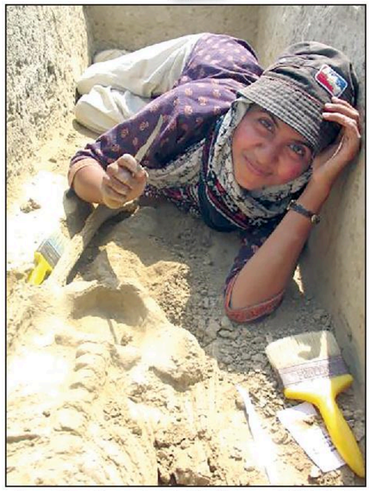
SOM: Why is studying human-animal relationships important today? What insights have animals revealed about ancient societies?

Dr. Sharada: These relationships remain highly relevant, especially in the context of climate change and sustainability. Studying the past helps us understand how humans used resources and coexisted with other species.

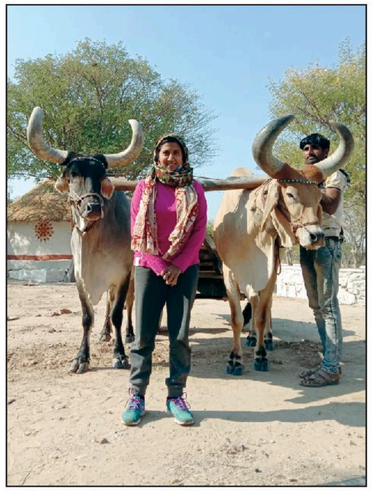
Animals often reveal insights that human remains alone cannot. They act as indicators of past environments and behaviour, offering clues to how societies responded to challenges. Sometimes, even a single bone or shell can tell a much larger story about how people lived and adapted. This perspective also informs the work of the Interspecies Research Network, which I lead.



Examining bones of wild animals from the 1,70,000 years old prehistoric cave site of Lazaret in Nice, France.



Excavating a human burial at the Harappan Civilisation's cemetery site of Farmana in Haryana.



Understanding domestic animal utilisation patterns in Dholavira, Kutch, Gujarat, by interacting with the locals.

SOM: What challenges do you face while working with ancient animal remains?

Dr. Sharada: A key challenge is balancing preservation with scientific study. Even taking small samples from fragile bones or teeth can be sensitive, as these remains are valuable evidence. There is often understandable hesitation, even when the damage is minimal.

Access to advanced scientific facilities can also be a limitation, though this is gradually improving.

SOM: Could you share insights from your research at the Indus Civilisation site of Dholavira in Gujarat?

Dr. Sharada: Dholavira, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, stands out for its harsh, arid setting. Our research looks at how people sustained life in such conditions, particularly through water and animal management.

Despite the dry environment, inhabitants reared water-dependent animals like buffalo alongside cattle, supported by a sophisticated reservoir system. We are also examining whether the city was self-sufficient or relied on nearby settlements. Overall, Dholavira highlights the adaptability of its people in managing limited resources.

SOM: What are some of your most interesting fieldwork discoveries and experiences?

Dr. Sharada: I have worked on sites ranging from nearly 5,00,000-year-old locations in Europe to 4,000-5,000-year-old Harappan sites in India. Notable finds include rare Harappan seals with animal motifs and remains of extinct species such as early bison and bears.

Among the most memorable experiences are seeing mammoth and sabre-toothed cat bones in research collections, visiting sites in Gujarat with preserved dinosaur eggs and working with rare materials like elephant ivory, as well as fossils and skeletons of ancient species.

SOM: Archaeology often involves travel, fieldwork and long research hours. What keeps you motivated?

Dr. Sharada: It is simple. I get to do what I love. Archaeology does not feel like a job; it feels like a calling.

Curiosity drives me. I am constantly learning while also challenging misconceptions about the field. Travel plays a big role. It sharpens observation and exposes me to different landscapes and cultures. At times, it feels like living in two worlds, the present and the past, which makes the work both humbling and meaningful.

SOM: After your recent sessions in Mysuru, what key takeaways do you hope audiences gained?

Dr. Sharada: I was encouraged by the engaged audience. I hope they came away with a shift in perspective that archaeology is not just about excavating objects, but about understanding past lifestyles and how they inform the future. It also helps counter misinformation by showing that the field is careful and evidence-based. Most importantly, heritage belongs to everyone. Making archaeology accessible allows more people to connect with it and learn from the past.

SOM: Mysuru is home to the Regional Museum of Natural History. How important are such institutions in shaping public understanding of archaeology?

Dr. Sharada: Museums play a vital role. Not just in preserving objects, but in bringing the past to life. Through interactive displays, storytelling, replicas and hands-on experiences, even something like animal bones can tell powerful stories.

Cities like Mysuru have an added advantage, with audiences open to such engagement. Most importantly, museums are accessible to all, making them key spaces for public learning and connection.

SOM: What advice would you give students who want to explore archaeology as a passion and what opportunities exist today?

Dr. Sharada: Archaeology today offers multiple pathways. It is highly interdisciplinary and you do not have to pursue it full-time to engage with it. Students from science, engineering and other fields can contribute through projects and fieldwork.

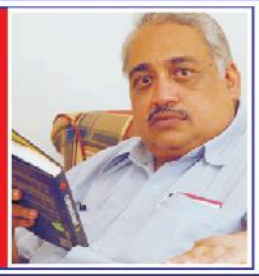
Opportunities range from heritage management and museum work to public history and digital archaeology, including 3D modelling and data analysis. Documentaries are also helping make the field more accessible.

SOM: Teaching at IIT Gandhinagar is unique for an archaeologist. How has your experience been with students?

Dr. Sharada: It has been both rewarding and a matter of pride. The institution offers strong support, visibility and access to resources.

Its biggest strength is its interdisciplinary environment, which allows archaeology to connect with science and technology. Students from diverse backgrounds bring fresh perspectives and actively contribute to research and innovation. It is a dynamic space that continues to shape how I teach and practise archaeology.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Felling of 561 trees

A Daylight Highway Robbery!

The recent news that 561 roadside trees are proposed to be razed in and around the city to widen roads, comes as a rude shock to all Mysureans who are concerned about the well-being of the city and its environment.

It may be noted here that exactly a year ago, forty fully grown and most beautiful Copperpod trees were swiftly felled in the cover of darkness in just one night, in the very heart of the city.

And, when there was a big hue and cry the next morning from outraged citizens, their sentiments were attempted to be assuaged by quickly announcing that a proper departmental enquiry would be held and all those responsible for this senseless act would be brought to book.

But with public memory and public anger being very short lived, time passed quietly until the government announced, in a rather feeble voice, a few months later, that an enquiry had been conducted which had justified the tree felling and road widening there, as being necessary for the development of the city.

So, the matter ended there, with all those who enriched themselves by their brutal and selfish act, heaving a sigh of relief. Close on the heels of this sad event, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has now sought an approval from the forest department to go ahead with this latest project of tree felling to widen roads.

Thankfully, this time, in what is most certainly only a cosmetic exercise, the public had been given a chance to file any objections to this proposal, within just two days, which is just too short a time for citizens to react. That is why only about two thousand objections were received in the prescribed time limit. It is a foregone conclusion that these few responses will be counted as being too insignificant, in a city with a population of more than fifteen lakhs and will therefore be tossed into the waste-paper bin. The completion of this formality will then automatically give the go ahead for the senseless tree felling that will follow.

As we have all seen in the past, from across our country, this business of inviting public opinion is only a routine and prescribed formality that is enshrined in the protocol of the NHAI, which has to be necessarily gone through before undertaking any such work, to avoid protracted litigations later.

The most important question that has to be asked and addressed in the present scenario here in our city is whether we need such a drastic widening of roads by sacrificing such a huge number of trees?

And, this introspection has to be done not just from the point of view of the NHAI but also from that of all other agencies and most importantly the ordinary citizens who dwell here. We have to consider not only the environmental impact of this action but also how it will affect the beauty of our city. We must remember that Mysuru, which has one of the richest and most ancient heritages in the entire country, is not just any other city of a recent origin, that can be meddled with thoughtlessly.

If you take a drive along all the road stretches that are now being proposed to be widened, as I have done, you will realize that they really do not need such drastic surgery. For instance, there is no disputing the fact that we need a flyover at the Manipal Hospital junction because that is the point that is experiencing the worst traffic pileups these days. But beyond a simple structure like what we have at the Hinkal junction, on Hunsur road, we do not need any real widening of any of the roads leading to or away from it. They are already very wide and good enough to accommodate any growth in traffic there at least for the next twenty-five years.

All that needs to be done in the next few years, is to make the Bengaluru Road passing between the St. Philomena's College and the Bannimantap Ground, a one way for all vehicles exiting the city. Similarly, the road passing between the St. Philomena's College and the Subashnagar Extension can be made a one way for all vehicles entering the city.

If this is done, not a single tree needs to be chopped on either of these two stretches. The huge Raintrees on the former road are so old,and majestic that it would be nothing short of a crime to think of cutting them down for any reason, let alone for road widening which is not an absolute need there.

Incidentally, almost all the incredibly beautiful Gul Mohur trees that once stood along the latter stretch were sacrificed when it was widened a few years ago, now leaving it wider than what we will ever need, at any time, even in the distant future.

So, this matter needs much discussion between bodies of citizens, stakeholders, administrators and city planners before we proceed further. Taking the shortest and easiest way out is not the way to do it. There are better options that will become visible only if we are willing to put our minds together.

There have been murmurs from some quarters, of relocating all the trees now proposed to be felled, to other suitable places. But all this is only wishful thinking, to quell the disquiet that is now becoming apparent and we will certainly not see it happening in real life.

Relocating trees is indeed possible and it is now being done across the world, and even in our country, with varying degrees of success. It has been done even in Bengaluru, while building some stretches of the Metro line. But it is limited only to trees of a reasonable size, with a maximum root ball of about five feet in diameter. Beyond this is clearly an almost impossible task.

Even giant trees although seemingly very tough, are very delicate and precious living beings. I don't think anyone who favours this proposal of relocation, can show us even one example of giant, centuries old trees, like the ones we have along our Bannimantap road, having been successfully relocated, en masse, which are surviving now, anywhere around us.

As far as my knowledge goes, an attempt was made by the Rotary Royal Club more than fifteen years ago, to relocate a giant banyan tree, here in our city and I even wrote about this unique project in this column. It was done with Herculean efforts and great determination, at a great cost, by the club members, employing excavators and huge cranes. But the giant that was relocated to the fertile fringes of the Lingambudhi Lake, with great effort,just did not survive, despite the best care that it was given.

Now, with that being the sad fate of just one displaced tree, how can anyone vouch for the safety and survival of 561 relocated trees? Do think about it!

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Police intensify anti-rowdy drive

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Saraswathipuram Police checked the houses of Arun, Mohan, Girish, Mahesh, Manu, Preetham, Shyam and Nagesh, while Vijayanagar Police raided Bharat, Lokesh, Shivakumar and Dandappa.

In the Krishnaraja Subdivision, Krishnaraja Police conducted raids on Novel and Hemant, Lakshmipuram Police searched the house of Dhanush, Ashokapuram Police targeted Ganguli, Vidyaranyapuram Police checked Kumar and Kuvempunagar Police raided Abhishek.

Similarly, in the Narasimharaja Subdivision, Mandi Mohalla Police raided the houses of Abubakar Siddiq and Shabeer Ahmed, V.V. Puram Police checked the houses owned by Manju, Jayalakshmipuram Puram Police searched Karthik and Narasimharaja Police targeted Abbar.

In the Devaraja Subdivision, Udayagiri Police conducted raids on the houses of Fazale Karim and Baby. In total, Police teams raided the residences of 30 rowdy-sheeters across Mysuru city.

Search warrants obtained

Police said search warrants had been obtained from the Courts before the operation, ensuring legal sanction for the raids.

The special drive was conducted under the supervision of the Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and Deputy Commissioners of Police (Law and Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada and (Crime and Traffic), K.S. Sundar Raj, who monitored the operation.

At the same time, Assistant Commissioners of Police of Vijayanagar, Krishnaraja, Devaraja and Narasimharaja Subdivisions coordinated the raids.

Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and staff from Hebbal, Vijayanagar, Metagalli, Saraswathipuram, Krishnaraja, Lakshmipuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Ashokapuram, Kuvempunagar, V.V. Puram, Mandi, Narasimharaja, Jayalakshmipuram and Udayagiri Police Stations participated in the operation.

Leopard kills 10-yr-old boy

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Senior Forest officials and Police personnel from M.M. Hills visited the spot and began an inquiry into the incident. Authorities have also urged devotees to avoid isolated trekking routes and strictly follow safety guidelines issued by the Forest Department.

Villagers and devotees demanded immediate action to trace and capture the leopard responsible for the attack.

Repeat attacks raise concern

The latest tragedy has once again raised concerns over increasing leopard movement in and around the M.M. Hills. The region has witnessed several leopard-related incidents in recent months.

Earlier this year, a devotee identified as Praveen from Mandya was killed in a similar attack near Talubetta. In another incident in February, a young boy from Channapatna survived a leopard attack on the same route.

After repeated incidents, the Forest Department had intensified surveillance and rescue operations through a special Leopard Task Force. However, villagers alleged that adequate protection was still lacking for devotees using forest pathways to reach the temple.

They pointed out that devotees are usually transported by vehicle up to Indiganatha village, after which they are divided into groups of 10 to 20 persons and allowed to trek to the hilltop with local guides.

Villagers and devotees claimed that the tragedy might have been avoided if an armed forest guard had accompanied the group during the trek through the forest stretch.

Cyber scam: Three lose Rs. 1.20 cr.

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They sent him an APK link resembling the SBI YONO app. After he clicked on the link, multiple OTP messages began arriving on his phone, following which Rs. 5 lakh was transferred from his account to other accounts. He too approached the CEN Police Station.

Police said retired persons were specifically targeted in two of the three cases. While one victim lost over Rs. 1.10 crore in a fake stock market investment scheme,and another was cheated through a fraudulent credit card offer. The third victim lost money after his mobile phone was hacked.

Despite repeated awareness campaigns, cybercriminals continue to target unsuspecting citizens, including educated individuals, through increasingly sophisticated online scams.

Minister D. Sudhakar passes away

State Government announces three-day mourning; last rites tomorrow

Sudhakar

Bengaluru, May 10 (Agencies)- Senior Congress leader and Minister for Planning and Statistics D. Sudhakar passed away in the early hours of this morning at Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) Hospital in Electronic City here after a prolonged illness. He was 66. Sudhakar is survived by his wife Harshini, son Suhas and daughter Spoorthi.

Hospital authorities confirmed that Sudhakar was declared dead at around 3.15 am. He had been undergoing treatment for several weeks after being shifted from Manipal Hospital on life support, following severe post-surgical complications.

Doctors at KIMS, Bengaluru, said he was on extracorporeal life support due to critical lung failure and was being evaluated for a possible lung transplant. Despite continuous monitoring by a multidisciplinary medical team, his condition deteriorated.

Profile: A senior Congress leader, Sudhakar also served as Chitradurga district-in-charge minister and was a four-time MLA from Hiriyur, having earlier represented Challakere.

Born on Mar. 28, 1961 in Challakere, he entered public life after completing B.Com degree and rose through Karnataka politics over more than two decades.

He was considered close to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who expressed deep sorrow, calling him a "close associate and dedicated public servant."

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka also condoled his demise, describing it as an "irreparable loss."

State Government announced three day mourning and declared public holiday for Chitradurga district tomorrow (May 11).

His mortal remains is expected to reach Hiriyur in the afternoon. Arrangements have been made at Nehru maidan for the public viewing till 5 pm. Later, the mortal remains will be taken to Challakere and will be kept for public viewing in taluk stadium till 3 pm tomorrow.

Last rites will be performed at 4 pm tomorrow as per Jain tradition, according to family sources.

Betraying partners is in Congress' blood: PM

PM Narendra Modi addressing BJP workers at HAL Airport premises in Bengaluru this morning

Bengaluru, May 10- Accusing the Congress of betraying its alliance partners, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that backstabbing is in Congress' blood and this party can go to any extent for the sake of power.

He was speaking at the felicitation programme organised by BJP Karnataka State unit at HAL Airport here this morning. The PM had landed at HAL Airport on way to Art of Living (AOL) Foundation on Kanakapura road to take part in the birthday celebrations of Ravishankar Guruji and inauguration of a Dhyana Mandira at the AOL Ashram premises.

Addressing the party workers at HAL Airport, Modi said, "The Congress ruled the Centre for 10 years from 2004 to 2014 with the crucial support of DMK, which had stood solidly behind the Congress during critical times. But now that the DMK lost power in the recently held Tamil Nadu Assembly polls, the Congress has backstabbed the DMK and extended support to a new party, which has been voted to power there. There will be no surprise if the Congress backstabs the new party too in the near future".

Continuing his tirade against the Congress, Modi said the Congress has not fooled only its alliance partners. "The Congress has also cheated women by voting against the Women's Reservation Bill which was tabled before the Parliament recently. In the past, the Congress had played a trick of intentionally getting the Women's Reservation Bill defeated by its own alliance partners, when the Congress was in power at the Centre. The people should see through the Congress party's gameplans and ensure its defeat in all the forthcoming polls", he maintained.

Recalling that the BJP has won the maximum number of Lok Sabha seats from the State, Modi called upon partymen to ensure the defeat of the Congress in the next Assembly polls.

Modi was warmly felicitated by the State Unit of the BJP on the occasion.

Former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai, Leader of the Opposition leaders in Legislative Assembly and Council respectively R. Ashok and Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, State BJP Chief B.Y. Vijayendra, Union Ministers V. Somanna and Pralhad Joshi, MP P.C. Mohan and other leaders were present.

Modi later left by road to Art of Living Ashram.

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Couple in anniversary mood among four killed in road accident

Kumara Narasimhaswamy and his wife Gayathri.

Mandya, May 10- A couple celebrating wedding anniversary are among four persons, who were killed in a road accident near Honnenahalli in Kunigal taluk of Tumakuru district yesterday afternoon.

The deceased have been identified as Kumara Narasimhaswamy (65), his wife Gayathri (62), Narasimhaswamy's sister also named Gayathri (55), residents of Swarnasandra in Mandya and car driver Raghu, a resident of Mysuru.

Following the wedding anniversary, the couple along with Gayathri and Raghu, had gone to Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple at Devarayanadurga in Tumakuru district, where they had the darshan of the deity.

They were returning to Mandya, when a fertiliser-laden truck rammed into their car, near Honnenahalli in Kunigal taluk, killing them instantly.

Kunigal Police, who reached the spot, shifted the bodies to Kunigal Government Hospital for post-mortem. The truck driver has been taken into custody.

A case has been registered and investigation is on.

CM's MLC son accused of displacing farmers for hospital plan

Mysuru, May 10 (GA&DM)- Maintaining that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has been misled regarding the construction of NIMHANS-like hospital at Gudumadanahalli in the taluk, activist Ugranarasimhegowda alleged that the coterie of Chief Minister's MLC son Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah is hellbent on ousting the farmers from their farmlands in the name of hospital construction and pushing them to the streets.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Ugranarasimhegowda claimed that the land mafia was behind the construction of NIMHANS-like Hospital at Gudumadanahalli. Urging CM Siddaramaiah to drop the Hospital project, he wanted the State Government to take a similar decision as in the case of Devanahalli land acquisition near Bengaluru, where the Government was forced to shelve land acquisition last year.

"MLC Dr. Yathindra has changed a lot these days. It seems that the MLC is adamant on the construction of the Hospital on fertile land, even after knowing very well that the land is not the right spot for Hospital construction. Though the idea of Hospital is good, there is a taint attached to its location", Ugranarasimhegowda argued.

KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra said that the land identified for the hospital construction at Gudumadanahalli is fertile. Hence the Government should shift the project to a suitable location elsewhere in the taluk, he urged.

Dalit leader Shambhulingaswamy who also addressed the press meet, said it is not correct on the part of the authorities to argue that Gudumadanahalli is irrigated and the land identified for Hospital Construction is a Gomaala land. Asserting that the construction of the hospital at the proposed site will prove to be disastrous for environment, he urged the Government to leave the land as a Gomaala itself.

Environmentalist Bhanu Prashanth, farmer leaders Hoskote Basavaraj, Hosur Kumar, P. Marankaiah and others were present.

Newlywed goes missing

Saraswathi

Mysuru, May 10 (KS)- A newlywed has gone missing from her husband's house in Narasimharaja (NR) Police limits in city on May 5 midnight.

The missing woman is 21-year-old Saraswathi, wife of Suhas, who was residing at her husband's house in R.S. Naidu Nagar in city.

Saraswathi, daughter of Shivaiah, a resident of Pandavapura taluk had got married to Suhas on May 1 and were leading a happy life.

On May 5, the couple after having dinner retired for the day and when Suhas woke up at 12 midnight to attend nature's call, he did not find his wife sleeping and assumed that she may have gone to the bathroom. But when he woke up at 5.30 am, he did not find his wife and called her parents and enquired about Saraswathi but her parents told him that she had not come there, following which he lodged a missing complaint.

Those having any information about the missing woman, may contact NR Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418312 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Five held for stealing power cables from under construction layout

Four cable bundles weighing 281 kgs, goods vehicle, Rs. 2.47 lakh cash recovered

Mysuru, May 10 (SPN&KS)- Mysuru District Police have arrested five persons on charges of stealing Aluminium Conductor Steel Reinforced (ACSR) power cables from an under construction residential layout near Beerihundi village in the taluk.

The Police have recovered five bundles of ACSR cables weighing 281 kgs and Rs. 2.47 lakh cash besides seizing a goods vehicle.

Those arrested are 58-year-old S.C. Chikkanachaari of Kalikamba Road in Saragur, 48-year-old Chandra, 38-year-old Arif, 63-year-old Shivaiah and 32-year-old H.R. Ravi, residents of Channayyanakote village in Virajpet taluk of Kodagu district.

Details: One Vrushabendra Swamy of Shettanayakanahalli village in Yelwal Hobli of Mysuru taluk was developing a layout in a two-acre land near Beerihundi village in the taluk. He had stocked bundles of ACSR power cables to draw electricity to the new layout. The accused had stolen five cable bundles .

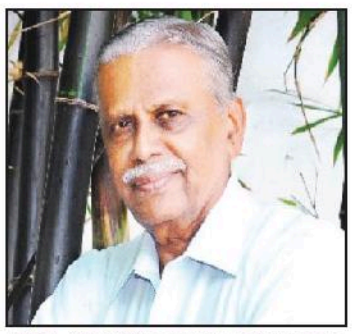
Following the theft, Vrushabhendra Swamy had lodged a complaint at Jayapura Police Station.

The Police, who took up the investigation, received a tip off from the public following which Investigating Officer Sub-Inspector Satish and staff intensified the investigation.

On May 8, when the Cops were on vehicle inspection near Harohalli Gate, they intercepted a goods vehicle. Upon inspection, the Police found four ACSR Cable bundles inside the vehicle and took the accused into custody for questioning. During interrogation, the Police came to know that the accused had stolen the cables. Following their arrest, Police have solved one case each registered at Jayapura and Varuna Police Stations.

SP Mallikarjun Baladandi, Additional SPs C. Mallik and L. Nagesh guided a team of Police led by Mysuru Rural Sub-Division Dy.SP Rajanna, including Jayapura Sub-Inspector Prakash Yethinamani and staff Abdul Lathif, N.A. Ashok, Bhaskar, Pachchegowda, Ninganna and Dilip in cracking the theft case.

'Devise security measures for sandalwood plantations'



Retd. IFS Officer A.C. Lakshmana

Mysuru, May 10 (MTY&BS)- Former Secretary of Forest Department and retired IFS Officer A.C. Lakshmana, has urged the Government to take steps to provide security to sandalwood plantations to facilitate more number of farmers to take up cultivation of the most valuable wood.

Expressing concerns over how the farmers have been losing the precious wood to the thieves, who have been striking the farms ahead of the harvest season, Lakshmana insisted on devising security measures at the earliest, either at its own level or seek the expertise of individuals or private companies.

A cash prize of Rs. 50 lakh should be announced to those who devise the security cover for sandalwood, he added.

Pay farmers

Lakshmana explained that, to encourage more farmers to involve in sandalwood farming, the Government should pay the farmers at least 33% of the stipulated amount within 24 hours of receiving the wood upon harvest. The remaining amount should be paid in 12 months and in case of any delay in payment, 12% interest amount should be paid along with the amount.

Other demands

Every year, Rs. 250 crore should be set aside for sandalwood research, extension and insurance cover, he said, urging the Government to introduce these reformative steps at the earliest.

Encourage cultivation

Krishi Aranya Protsaha Yojane (Agriculture Forest Incentive Scheme) was ambitiously launched by the Ministers and Officers of Forest Department. However, Sandalwood cultivation should be encouraged, with more incentives.

He appealed to the authorities concerned to defer any programme organised to felicitate the farmers, until security for sandalwood cultivation is implemented. Or else, the possibility of thieves cutting down sandalwood trees grown with much effort for 15 years cannot be ignored.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Kara (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Shastri -2005 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Kara (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Terror (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Patriot (Ma) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Dacoit (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Michael (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	4.30 pm 7.15 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	(S-2)	11.10 am
Dhruti (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	(S-2)	7 pm; (S-4) 10 pm
Dridam (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 4.45 pm
29 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	(S-3)	11.20 am; (S-4) 1.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

KD: The Devil (K)	:	11 am, 1.15 pm, 4.15 pm
		7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	:	11.30 am, 3.25 pm
		6.20 pm, 9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4.30 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	9 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10 am, 12.40 pm 4.40 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.05 am, 11 am, 12.45 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 6.35 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.10 am, 4 pm, 10.20 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	10.10 am, 12.45 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	11 am, 7.45 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	:	1.25 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	1.35 pm, 7.25 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	1.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	3.20 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	5.10 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	6.45 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	7.50 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	10 am, 6.35 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.20 am, 11.35 am, 1.15 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	10.30 am, 2.30 pm, 5.05 pm
		7.40 pm, 10.15 pm
29 (Ta)	:	12.25 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	:	1 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	:	3.30 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	:	3.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	6.40 pm

Skill Training Programme at RUDSETI Mysuru

Mysuru, May 10- The Rural Development and Self Employment Training Institute (RUDSETI), Mysuru, will be conducting the following Skill Training Programme at its premises, Main Road, Hinkal:

Photography & Videography from May 20 to June 19 and Poultry from May 19 to 30.

All the programmes are free of cost including boarding and lodging facilities.

Candidates, aged between 18 to 50 years, who can read and write in Kannada, are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to rural BPL candidates.

Interested candidates may submit an application with mobile number, photocopies of Aadhaar card and Ration card.

Candidates will be selected based on direct interview.

For more details, contact Ph: 0821-2519663 or 98440-13948 or 97404-30061 or 94498-60466 or 87468-03006, according to a press release from the Director, RUDSETI Mysuru.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 10)

- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Public Meeting to enable citizens and officials from Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) to discuss on drinking water connections, Mustafa, AEE, Water Supply & UGD West 1 Sub-Division & S.L. Ravikumar, AEE, Water Supply & UGD East 3 Sub-Division, will take part, MGP Office, 6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.**
- **Dr. Rajkumar Musical Group:** 'Doddora Dhwani' Musical Nite in commemoration of Thespian Dr. Rajkumar, Vijayanagar Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, former MLA Balaraj, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru Unit President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy and others chief guests, Town Hall, **5 pm.**
- **Surabhi Gana Kalamandira:** State-level Young Artistes Talent Show, senior Sangeetha Vidushi Koviladi R. Kala and BSS Vidyodaya Hon. Secretary Vasudev Bhat special invitees; Karnatak Classical Music Concert by Vidu. M.K. Tejasvini (vocal), Vid. Mathur Srinidhi (violin), Vid. N.K. Shashibhushan (mridanga) and Vid. Prajwal Bharadwaj (mridanga), BSS Vidyodaya, Bhagini Seva Samaja, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Sarvadarshanananda speaks on 'Santa Shreshtaru' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust and Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Gokulam:** 35th year Brahma Rathotsava of Sri Krishna Temple and Silver Jubilee of Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, grand solo dance 'Kshaatra Draupadi - A Tale of the Warrior Princess' by noted danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy in memory of late Janaki Alwar, it will be followed by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha Lifetime Achievement Award presentation to Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, Art Patron Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy guest of honour, Trust President B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs presides, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 11)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.50 am, 11.40 am, 1.45 pm
		2.30 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.35, 10.30 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	11.55 am, 2.35 pm, 5.10 pm
		7.45 pm, 10.20 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	1.35 pm, 7.35 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	4 pm, 10 pm
Dhruti (K)	:	5.25 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	:	7.35 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	:	10.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	10.30 am, 4 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm
		7.35 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation D (K)	:	11 am
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	11.40 am, 2.15 pm
		4.50 pm, 7.25 pm, 10 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	:	12.55 pm, 6.25 pm
29 (Ta)	:	2.05 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	:	5.10 pm
Dridam (Ma)	:	7.45 pm
Angam Attahaasam (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Free Coaching for Diploma CET

Mysuru, May 10- The students aspiring to join BE based on the Diploma qualification shall require training from experts in the field while preparing to face **Diploma Common Entrance Test (DCET)** conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

In this regard, Maharaja Institute of Technology Mysore (MITM) has come up with a 5-day free coaching classes at its campus from May 11 to 15. The classes shall be handled by the experts in each domain & with thoroughly prepared study materials. Transportation facility from Mysuru and surrounding taluks and the lunch facility will be made available on the days of coaching classes free of cost.

Prior registration is mandatory through the link ***https://forms.gle/SNGUvcTfBpLrDFM17***

For more details, contact Mob: 94808-39634 or 99160-67233.

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TODAY'S MATCHES MAY 10

CSK Vs **LSG**
M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai, **3.30 pm**

RCB Vs **MI**
SVN Singh Intl. Cricket Stadium, Raipur, **7.30 pm**

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3	Lab Assistant (Computer Science, Chemistry, Zoology & Psychology), Semi-Professional Assistant (Library), Senior Library Attendant & TGT (Special Educator)	22.05.2026
4	PGT (Accountancy, Guidance & Counselling and Economics), Primary Teacher, Pre-Primary/ Nursery Teacher, Vocational Teacher (Retail & IT-ITes)	25.05.2026
5	WET (Computer Science, Home Science, Drawing and Painting, Wood Work, Arts & Crafts, Metal Work, Typewriting & Short Hand)	26.05.2026
6	TGT (Mathematics, Science, Kannada, Social Science, Sanskrit, Physical Education, Hindi & English)	28.05.2026
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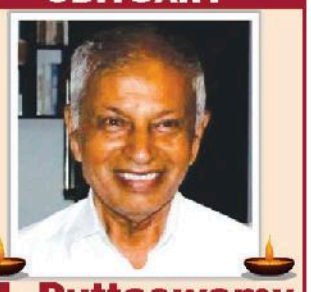

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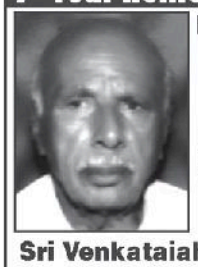

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Death: 10.5.2019

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